

MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, November 4, 2009
GENERALIZED SUMMARY

President Levine called to order the regular session of the Hamilton County Council at 7:06:16 p.m. Those in attendance were Rick McKinney, Steve Schwartz, Meredith Carter, Judy Levine, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver. A quorum was declared by Auditor Dawn Coverdale.

7:06:37 Councilor McKinney gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

7:07:26 Councilor Schwartz moved to approve the minutes of October 7th and joint minutes of October 12th. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. Councilor McKinney amended the joint minutes of October 12th, 2009, under "Unfunded Liability For Retiree's Insurance" to state that the County must declare the liability but does not have to fund this liability. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT: 7:08:48

President: Councilor Levine – No Report

Vice President: Councilor Carter – No Report

Highway Committee: Councilor McKinney

- Reported the Highway Department will have additional request.
- Monon Bridge: Westfield has agreed to support the financial obligation of the project.

Finance Committee: Councilor Carter

- Mike Reuter, Hamilton County Financial Consultant, has updated the financial plan for 2010
- Councilor McKinney requested that Mr. Reuter update the plan once again by decreasing the anticipated interest revenue for 2010 by \$1,000,000.
- Councilor Beaver has requested a full Council meeting after November 20 and before December 2, 2009 to discuss the 3% 2010 budget cuts. The meeting is set for Monday, November 30, 2009, at 2 p.m.
- Councilor Beaver resolved to rescind funding for the postage meters for the Auditor and Treasurer in 2010. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
- Councilor McKinney stated that the Finance Committee is recommending no action be taken on funding the GASB 45 liability. There are no bond issues pending and once the money is allocated it is restricted. Councilor McKinney is still not convinced that the cost savings of putting the money aside will equal or be greater than interest rate savings.

Personnel: Councilor Belden

- Committee is recommending the Reduction In Force Policy for approval.
- Committee is recommending approval of Commissioners 2010 144 amendment for Dan Stevens, Commissioner Assistant.
- Insurance Committee has recommended changes that have been accepted by the Board of Commissioners. There will be an increase in employee benefit contribution, an increase to deductibles, and an increase to emergency room visits.
- Reported that Solid Waste hours have changed.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve the Reduction In Force Policy. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. Councilor McKinney moved to amend the policy as follows: 1) Delete the word "permanently" from the first sentence. 2) Sync the numbers on page 2 and the worksheet. 3) 2nd Page Management needs to be defined. Ms. Kassabaum did not have the correct copy and therefore, this correction is not an issue. Councilor Beaver and Councilor Belden agreed to the amendment. Amendment and Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver has asked if the 3% cuts are not reached does the County Council have the authority to go in and eliminate a position with this RIF Policy without an elected officials approval? Commissioner Altman stated that she feels it runs into a budget issue. Once a budget is adopted it takes the concurrence of the elected official to reduce. Commissioner Altman stated that she does not believe that there is an adopted 2010 budget until the State approves it.

MISCELLANEOUS: 7:34:35

- Councilor Beaver reported that the Indiana Airport Association will announce that Indianapolis Executive Airport has been voted airport of the year. Councilor Beaver asked to place Indiana Association of Airports be placed on the December agenda.
- Councilor Levine reported that Hamilton County received an award from Janus at their annual meeting.

COMMISSIONER UPDATE: 7:35:46

- The Board of Commissioners have entered into a county wide contract with Diversified Mail Service.
- Hand Properties is low income rental properties for Senior's. Hand Properties have opened one facility in Noblesville and Sheridan.
- Central Indiana Transit Task Force is the business entity that is studying the regional plan for transit in Central Indiana is concluding its work. CITTF is in the process of meeting with counties on their findings.
- Fire District RFP has went out to several entities and Hamilton County is waiting on their return.
- Hamilton County had Tax Sale on October 16th. Successful sale.
- Insurance Immediate Care was not approved by the Board of Commissioners.

UNFINISHED/TABLED BUSINESS:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS 7:39:52

ACES Power Marketing Resolutions 11-04-09-01 "A Resolution of the Hamilton County Council Allowing A Personal Property Tax Abatement For Aces Power Marketing, LLC" and 11-04-09-03 "A Resolution of the Hamilton County Council Allowing An Additional Real Property Tax Abatement For Aces Power Marketing, LLC"

Jeff Burt, Hamilton County Alliance; David Claspul and Drew Dunnigan, Aces Power Marketing and Leslie Waggoner, Ginovous were in attendance to answer any questions on the proposed abatement. Councilor Beaver moved to approve the Preliminary Resolutions 11-04-09-01 and 11-04-09-03 as amended by Councilor McKinney regarding 40 new jobs. Councilor Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:52:18: Councilor McKinney moved Resolution 11-04-09-02 "A Resolution Encouraging The Preservations of Indiana Jobs". Councilor McKinney disclosed that he worked at Salle Mae for 10 years. Councilor Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:53:47: Councilor Beaver moved to approve claims. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:54:18: BJ Casali, ISSD Director, will be retiring on December 31, 2009. Ms. Casali introduced her successor, Chris Mertens. Chris Mertens has a BS and MBA and has fifteen years with the State of Missouri. Mr. Mertens and his family now reside in Noblesville.

Mr. Mertens told the Council that he and his wife researched many jobs and felt that Noblesville and Hamilton County were the perfect fit.

RESOLUTION FOR DECEMBER: None**EMPLOYEE VACANCIES: 7:57:42**

7:57:49: Councilor Belden moved to allow hiring of Orderbook File Clerk 101.009.000.1035 at minimum salary of \$24,601 with a hire date of November 16, 2009. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:03:52: Councilor Belden moved to allow hiring of Highway (6) Part Time and (15) Contingency Position from 102.000.000.1300 up to \$12.50 per hour. Hire date of mid-December 2009 through mid-March 2010. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:06:43 : Councilor Schwartz moved to allow hiring of Custodian 101.014.000.1002 at \$21,725 with a hire date of November 9, 2009. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:08:01: Councilor Hiatt moved to allow hiring of Weights and Measures Part Time 101.053.000.1300 up to \$12.5000 per hour, date of hire November 6, 2009. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:11:25: Councilor Belden moved to allow hiring of DPF Prosecutor 101.031.000.1028 at minimum \$56,387, date of hire will be after accruals are paid January 7, 2010. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

DECEMBER RESOLUTIONS:

None

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

8:22:50: Councilor Levine opened the public hearing concerning additional appropriations. There were no public comments.

8:23:05: Councilor Belden moved to approve County General Commissioners 2010 144 Amendment 101.011.000.1002 Administrative Assistant for \$66,963. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:26:20: Councilor Schwartz moved to approve County General Community Corrections transfers: 101.012.000.1006 Correction Officer for \$300 to 101.012.000.1003 Correction Officer for \$300. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:26:51: Councilor Belden moved to approve **Maintenance 2009 144 Amendment** 101.019.000.1027 Custodian for \$27,982; **Maintenance 2010 144 Amendment** 101.019.000.1002 Custodian for \$21,725; 101.019.000.1013 Maintenance Tech for \$29,958; 101.019.000.1014 Maintenance Worker for \$24,853; 101.019.000.1016 Asst Superintendent for \$44,518; 101.019.000.1017 Maintenance Worker for \$24,853; 101.019.000.1027 Custodian for \$27,982; **County General Maintenance transfers** from: 101.019.000.1017 Maintenance Worker \$18,000; 101.019.000.1004 Custodian \$1,700; 101.019.000.1014 Assistant Superintendent \$30,000; 101.019.000.1021 Maintenance Worker \$9,427; 101.019.000.1025 Maintenance Worker \$7,647; 101.019.000.1300 Part Time \$5,000; 101.019.000.3109 Loose Equipment \$1,000; 101.019.000.3115 Equipment Repair \$10,000; 101.019.000.3304 Water \$6,000; 101.019.000.3309 Gas \$10,000; 101.019.000.3603 Training \$1,800; 101.019.000.3604 Travel \$600 and 101.019.000.3713 Contractual Services \$20,000 to 101.019.000.3302 Electric \$121,174; **Maintenance Job Description Revisions:** 101.019.000.1013 Maintenance Worker to Maintenance Tech; 101.019.000.1014 Assistant Superintendent to Maintenance Worker; 101.019.000.1015 Maintenance Tech to Maintenance Supervisor; 101.019.000.1016 Maintenance Supervisor to Assistant Superintendent; 101.019.000.1017 Maintenance Work and 101.019.000.1019 Maintenance Tech to Maintenance Supervisor. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:29:00: Councilor Beaver moved to table County General Prosecutor 2010 144 Amendment 101.031.000.1000 for \$4,400. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:32:07: Councilor Belden moved to approve County General Sheriff 2010 144 Amendment 101.037.000.1100 Abolish position and additional appropriation request in line item 101.037.000.1407 Overtime for \$20,000. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:33:39: Councilor Beaver moved to approve County General Veteran's Service additional appropriation request in line item 101.049.000.3808 Death Burial for \$13,000. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:34:35: Councilor Belden moved to approve Highway COIT additional appropriation request in the following line items: 283.000.000.4826 Olio Road Corridor Study for \$60,000; 283.000.000.4950 96th Street/Cumberland Road Intersection for \$88,000 and 283.000.000.4989 Monon Greenway over 146th Street for \$125,000. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:36:59: Councilor Belden moved to approve Clerk Perpetual Fund 363 2010 144 Amendment 363.000.000.1001 Director of Microfilm for \$37,752 and Deputy Clerk Microfilm 363.000.000.1005 for \$24,292. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:41:30: Councilor Levine closed the Public Hearing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 8:41:37

SHERIFF COMMENTS:

Councilor Belden move to approve County General Sheriff transfers 101.037.000.1137 Dispatch for \$12,000 to 101.037.000.1408 Shift Differential for \$12,000. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None

AUDITOR’S COMMENTS:

None

8:4:31 Councilor Belden moved to adjourn meeting. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Meeting was duly adjourned.

Those present:

Jeanette Kassabaum, Council Attorney
Robin M. Mills, Chief Deputy Auditor
Carl Erickson, EMA
Sonia Leerkamp, Prosecutor
Ryan Hornie, Deputy Sheriff
BJ Casali, ISSD
Cary Woodward, Weights & Measures
Brad Davis, Highway
David Claspul, Aces Power Marketing
Leslie Waggoner, Ginovous
Bobby Pyland, Student
Kayla Stephens, Student
Gabrielle Schingel, Student
Amanda Mulinberg, Student
Chris Russell, Student
Sarah Mees, Student
Josh Rafferty, Student
Robert Buckley, Student
Heather Smith, Student
Deandra McWeese, Student

Dawn Coverdale, Auditor
Doug Carter, Sheriff
Mark Bowen, Major
Chris Mertens, ISSD
Peggy Beaver, Clerk
Steve Wood, Maintenance
Diana Lynch, Veteran’s Service
Jeff Burt, Hamilton County Alliance;
Drew Dunnigan, Aces Power Marketing
Kristen Simons, Student
Matthew Morrill, Student
Grace Gonzalez, Student
Nate Morkal, Student
Ramandeop Singh, Student
Michael Weir, Student
Daniel Sergova, Student
Mark McClure, Student
Jay Reed, Student
Taylor Rogers, Student

President

Auditor